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REMARKS

Claims 1, 10, 19, 25 and 30 have been canceled.

Claims 2-9, 11-18, 20-24 26-29, and 31-43 were indicated to be directed to patentable subject matter. Each of these claims that depended from directly from one of the canceled claims has been rewritten in independent form. It is thus believed that all of these claims are allowable.

Applicants have made minor changes to the wording that had appeared in the canceled claims as well as in the uncanceled claims in order to improve their form and/or to correct minor errors.

Among these, "one or more switch" has been changed to "one or more switches;" "one or more input port" has been changed to "one or more input ports;" "one or more additional signal" has been changed to "one or more additional signals;" and "channels signals" has been changed to "channel signals."

In addition, apparatus claim 24 had had a method limitation. This claim has been amended to correct that error.

In addition, the word "configurate" originally appearing in claim 25 has been changed to "configure" in re-written claims 26, 28 and 29.

Other minor amendments have been made, as will be apparent from a review of the claims themselves, .e.g., claim 20, line 12 and claim 28, line 11.

Reconsideration is respectfully requested.

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